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Title: STENT WITH OFFSET CELL GEOMETRY

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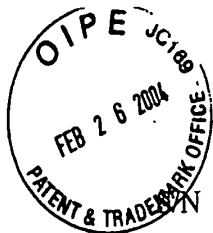
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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